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John Lynch Honored for the Decades of Service to his Country and Homeless Veterans



(Legislator Kate Browning, left, and S.C. United Veterans Executive Director Mike Stoltz, right, present a proclamation to former S. C. United Veterans Executive Director and Founder John Lynch, center, for his many years of service to homeless veterans in Suffolk County.)

Hauppauge, NY – On Tuesday, June 4 2013 the Suffolk County Legislature honored John Lynch, Founder and former Executive Director of Suffolk County United Veterans, for his five decades of service as a Vietnam Veteran and caretaker of homeless veterans in Suffolk County. Mr. Lynch founded Suffolk County United Veterans in 1989 and recently retired as Executive Director. Legislator Kate Browning (WF-Shirley) presented a proclamation to Mr. Lynch in recognition of his years of dedication to helping homeless veterans.

John Lynch is a Vietnam Veteran who was assigned to the 101st Airborne Tiger Company in 1966. He returned home after his service and was deeply concerned about services for our veterans returning from conflicts. After meeting a Vietnam Veteran who had become homeless he decided to devote his life to helping homeless veterans.

In 1989, Mr. Lynch founded Suffolk County United Veterans with the goal of assisting homeless veterans to regain their dignity and independence. When it was founded Suffolk County United Veterans started with four homeless veterans in a two bedroom apartment. Today they provide homes for sixty-four homeless veterans, including an old motel in Yaphank that was converted into The Veterans Place. The organization also provides services for veterans who struggle with substance abuse problems and post-traumatic stress disorder.

In 1999 Mr. Lynch was honored with the Humanitarian Award, in 2006 he received the Four Chaplains award and in 2008 he received the AMVETS Silver Helmet award.

“John Lynch has been a local champion for homeless veterans for decades,” stated Legislator Kate Browning. “His commitment and dedication to our returning veterans cannot be matched and will be sorely missed. The legacy he built will continue to serve our veterans in Suffolk County and I wish him the best of luck in retirement.”

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